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The Regional Water Boards will administer 11 sites. The remaining 40 sites will be administered by local agencies.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the State Water Board adopt a resolution to grant EAR funding, as specified in the EAR Account FY 2006-2007 Annual Site List, and that the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to issue letters of award or execute contracts and amendments for the expenditure of EAR Account funds designated in the EAR Account Annual Site List. That the State Water Board also authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to request the Department of General Services to enter into contracts on behalf of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board for the expenditure of EAR Account funds designated in the Annual Site List.

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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2006-

ADOPTING THE PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) EMERGENCY, ABANDONED, RECALCITRANT (EAR) ACCOUNT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2006-2007 ANNUAL SITE LIST; AND, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ISSUE LETTERS OF AWARD OR EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF EAR ACCOUNT FUNDS

WHEREAS:

1. Chapter 6.75 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to provide funding to Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) or local agencies for initiating corrective action at petroleum UST sites which have had unauthorized releases;
2. Section 25299.36 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the State Water Board to undertake or contract for corrective action at specified sites or to request the Department of General Services (DGS) to act as the agent of and enter into contracts on behalf of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board for corrective action at those sites;
3. The State Water Board has established administrative procedures for providing cleanup funds to Regional Water Boards and local agencies, which include adoption of an EAR Account Annual Site List;
4. On January 10, 2006, the State Water Board requested the Regional Water Boards to: (1) contact local agencies in their regions to identify any abandoned and recalcitrant petroleum UST sites for inclusion on the EAR Account FY 2006-2007 Annual Site List, and (2) submit their annual list of recommended Regional Water Board and local agency sites to the State Water Board for EAR Account funding;
5. Six Regional Water Boards responded, nominating a total of 52 eligible sites;
6. Sufficient funding is available to provide the requested amounts for all 52 eligible sites; and
7. For efficient operation of the EAR Account Program, the State Water Board may delegate authority to the Executive Director, or designee, to issue letters of award or execute contracts and amendments for the expenditure of EAR Account funds or to request DGS to enter into contracts on behalf of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board for the expenditure of EAR Account funds designated in the EAR Account Annual Site List.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Adopt the Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account FY 2006-2007 Annual Site List;
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to issue letters of award or negotiate and execute contracts and amendments for the expenditure of EAR Account funds designated in the Annual Site List; and

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3. Authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to request DGS, pursuant to section 25299.36 of the Health and Safety Code, to enter into contracts on behalf of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board and act as the agent of the State Water Board or a Regional Water Board for the expenditure of EAR Account funds designated in the Annual Site List.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on July 19, 2006.

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Clerk to the Board